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Subject: Re: Feedback on the next Secretary of Education Process

Hello, John, Edye, and Andrew. Please accept my apologies for my delay in responding to your email. I appreciate you reaching out and sharing your thoughts about desired traits in the next Secretary of Education. They will be helpful to the Committee as we begin to review and interview prospective candidates.

By copy of this email, I am requesting that your comments be included with the minutes of the meeting that the Secretary Search Committee held last Friday.

Kind regards,

Jennifer Deck Samuelson
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From: John Alberghini <john.alberghini@mmuusd.org>
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Subject: Feedback on the next Secretary of Education Process
Dear Jennifer,

We want to share some feedback for the search committee to consider as they begin the process of hiring the next Vermont Secretary of Education. This presents a significant opportunity to strengthen and transform the Agency of Education. The AOE has faced many challenges over the past couple of years and has at times, struggled to support the field in the rollout of key initiatives such as the new statewide assessments (i.e., VTCAP) and to provide guidance and technical assistance for Act 127, Act 72 and Act 173. A fresh perspective from a leader who has a passion for public education and a deep understanding of the issues and opportunities facing Vermont's schools is vital. Additionally, we need an educational leader who is an advocate for public schools and someone who has the courage, systems experience and expertise to restructure, guide and strengthen the AOE so it can appropriately assist our schools.

We appreciate the opportunity to offer our input. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,
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Andrew B. Jones, MMUUSD Assistant Superintendent
John R. Alberghini, MMUUSD Superintendent

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